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FUNCTION FOR MARINE PROPULSION MACHINE**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT-A

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Sir:

In connection with the subject new patent application (filed concurrently herewith), please amend the specification, claims and abstract of the application as discussed herein. This amendment is being submitted under the Revised Amendment Format.